

Mayor and City Council Update February 28, 2020

To: Mayor and Council
From: Administration
CC: Department Heads



Library

Library Tours – Four groups from the Cobb County Genealogical Society will visit Smyrna Library on Saturday, February 29. Access to Cobb County Public Library’s “Georgia Room” is still limited and will be for another year. In the interim, local genealogists and genealogy students are taking advantage of Smyrna Library’s collection of print, microform and database resources. The tours are staggered throughout the day and will be led by Mary Moore.

Women’s History Month – March is Women’s History Month, and the celebration kicks off with a lecture about Georgia’s first female mayor, Lorena Pace Pruitt. Pruitt was Smyrna’s mayor from 1945-1948. Mary Moore will present the lecture on Sunday, March 1, at 3:00 p.m. in the library’s downstairs Meeting Room.

Department of Environmental Services (KSB)

Staff presented to Mayor and Council at the COW meeting the updates on the ARC Green Communities Designation and the EV Charging Stations. Staff will contact GA Power and look at a couple more sites for the stations as well as contact Tesla about their stations.

Staff met with Cobb Watershed about community workshops including:

- How to perform an Indoor Water Audit – will be held in May
- How to perform an Outdoor Water Audit – will be held in either April or May
- Household Hazardous Waste
- Water 101
- Composting – will be held in the Fall
- Rain Gardens

Staff is meeting with the Library to see about holding the workshops there.

Smyrna Outdoor Market:

- Request to for the Outdoor Market Manager will happen this week.
- Market will be moving to locations. Preferred location is the fountain area in front of the library (no street closures)
- Market will run from May 23 – September 5 with no market on June 13, July 18, August 1.
- Applications for vendors will start being accepted on Monday, March 2.
- Working with The Friends of the Smyrna Library on book signings and book sales during the market.

Community Garden:

- Updates are being made to over 20 plots.
- Leases are being renewed.
- Plots not renewed will be open to the public the week of March 9.

Keep Smyrna Beautiful:

Arbor Day

KSB Board members were joined by The Tree Board, Parks, and several Councilmembers for Arbor Day. A Bloodgood Japanese Maple was planted in front of the library. Attendees had fun making bird feeders out of toilet paper rolls, peanut butter and birdseed. (pictured: Tree Board Members, KSB Board Members, Councilmembers Wheaton, Gould and Lindley.)



Recycling Center:

Plastics #3 - 7

As of March 10, the Recycling Center and curbside recycling programs will be suspending collection of plastics #3 – 7 due to market conditions.

What this means: Up until 2018, China was 80% of market for #3 – 7 plastics, with smaller Asian countries making up the other 20%. In 2018, China raised their quality standards for imported recyclables from a 3% contamination rate to a .5% (one-half percent) contamination rate. The United States has been hovering around a 15% contamination rate on #3 – 7 plastics and on other “mixed” market materials. This made them ineligible to ship those items to China. The other Asian markets became saturated almost immediately, leaving the US with no market.

GPB Television:

Pre-packaged filming took place on February 27 and then live filming will be on May 13. More details to come.

Parks & Recreation

Parks and Recreation welcomed Jacob Groat, Athletics/Aquatics Coordinator to the team on Monday, February 24. Jacob has an extensive aquatics background, and we are sure he will be an excellent addition to the Parks & Rec team.

The Wolfe Center continues to host AARP Tax Aide on Wednesdays. On Feb 26th they completed 43 tax returns.

On Saturday, February 22 Parks & Recreation helped KSB celebrate Arbor Day. We had a bird feeder craft for the kids. The kids took a cardboard toilet paper roll, spread peanut butter on it and rolled it in bird seed. This is a healthy, fast solution to feeding birds in anyone's backyard.

On February 25, Lewis Lay, Recreation Coordinator, took a group to the behind the scenes tour at the Swan House in Atlanta (attached is a picture).



Winter Break Camp, hosted in the Community Center, the week of February 17 – 21, was a success. Parks hosted 36 participants, providing lots of fun activities and a safe place to enjoy time with friends, while school was on break.

We are currently in the process of upgrading our irrigation system out at RiverLine Park. Once completed it will mimic the new system features, we installed at Jonquil Park in 2019. The new system has some great features and advantages allowing our staff remote access and monitoring capabilities as well as “smart” controls so we may be as frugal as possible with our water usage and at the same time make sure the property itself gets the amount it requires to prosper.

This coming Friday we are excited about our scheduled Tree Art Sculpture being installed in the heart of Concord Linear Park. Once erected, to the best knowledge of P&R, it is the first and only type of installation art of its kind within the city limits of Smyrna.

Parks Maintenance has been working tirelessly at keeping the parks drainage ways clear of debris with the relentless weather pattern that has already produced record breaking rain fall totals.

We are nearing completion of our Tolleson Maintenance building clean-up which will serve our department as an invaluable resource for staging and storage for years to come.

Finance

We received six bids on the Windy Hill Road Project. These bids have been reviewed and we anticipate it will be awarded on Monday, March 2. Windy Hill is a 2016 SPLOST project.

The Door Locking System for Parks RFP was posted on February 26, 2020. The pre-bid is scheduled for March 11, 2020.

Whitfield Street Drainage Improvements RFQ is anticipated to be posted on February 28, 2020.

Purchasing, in coordination with Administration and Environmental Services, is preparing the bid for Energy Performance Contracting Services. We anticipate this bid will be available in early March to begin the process of identifying qualified vendors.

Public Works

Public Works Supervisors, Foreman and Managers attending the UGA Carl Vinson institute For Local Government Management Training. The training will take 6 months to complete.

WATER /SEWER

Water / Sewer Division CCTV (Videoing) and Jetting Ward 4, **project 65%** complete.

Water sewer crews has installed 700 LFT line extension on Cobb Lane. With this water main install Public Works will be able to kill out old 10" water main in the middle of State Route 280 from Powder Springs Street to Plaza Drive. This project is in conjunction with the South Cobb Water Main Project Phase 1.

Cobb Lane Water Main Project: **Project 100%** complete.

Sanitary Sewer Outfall Sub-Basin 3 project: Pipe lining has been completed from Elizabeth Street to Lochlomand Lane. Temporary roadway and piping being removed, and landscaping has begun. **Project 85%** complete.

Church Street Water Main Project: Contractor has installed first 2000 LFT. Next phase of the project will start at Mann Street. **Project 40%** complete.

Cobb Lane Water Main Project: **Project 80%** complete.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS DIVISION

Building and Grounds Division has completed with painting inside of Smyrna Library.

Building and Grounds Division is currently under way with full roof replacement at Public Works Facility. Pending item gutters and downspouts. **Project 85%** complete.

Roof replacement will begin on Monday, March 2nd for Fire Station 3.

HIGHWAY/STREET DIVISION

Crews working on new sidewalk installation on Powder Springs Street at the Community Center. Crews are continuing to repair Curb and Gutter on Old Spring Road.

Highway/Street Division has an ongoing sidewalk installation project underway on Spring Street near the community center. This will connect other interior pedestrian transportation facilities. Project has been stymied by rainfall and is at 50%.

Crews working on raising valves and manholes that where lowered for the resurfacing throughout the city. **Project 90% complete.**

The pavement rehabilitation project on Windy Hill Road to correct a sink hole has been completed.





SPLOST

Roswell Street Roundabout: Vertical Earth LLC contractor will have all storm drainpipe and curbing has been completed, all sub grading has been completed. Graded aggregate base is being installed.

The center circle has been installed and paved. Approximately 50% of the sidewalks have been installed. Shoulders have been backfilled and temporary grassing has been applied. The project is about 65% complete. The project is still on schedule for a March completion depending on weather conditions.

Roadway should be opened by Mid-March weather permitting. Project is ahead of schedule. **Project 65% complete.**

Fire Department

Incidents

Fire-0

Medical- 75

Other- 40

Total- 115

We would like to congratulate Engineer Scott Frankovich, Engineer John Saroka, Firefighter Luis Luna, and Firefighter Brett Roberts for successfully completing Metro Atlanta's Academy for paramedic training. The course takes over a year to complete and is huge milestone in each of their professional careers. We would also like to congratulate Firefighter Tyler Greenwood for successfully passing his AEMT course. (not pictured)



Congratulations to Smyrna Fire's EMS Director Thomas Bates for celebrating 20 years with the City of Smyrna.

Police Department

Total number of arrests:	28
Total number of citations issued:	113
Traffic Warnings:	105
Total number of calls for service:	924

Community Development

Type	#	Estimated Cost of Construction	Location
Building New/Residential	-	-	-
Building Remodel/Residential	12	\$242,941	4-Reroof 5-Interior 2-Remodel w/Addition 1-Construction Trailer
Building Remodel/Commercial	3	\$459,000	3-Remodel – 2500 S Cobb Dr (Family Dollar), 2543 Spring Rd (Scrubhub Carwash) & 3080 Jonquil Dr (Viking Alchemist Meadery)
Electrical	-	-	-
Plumbing	4	-	-
HVAC	7	-	-
Signs	-	-	-
Grading	1	\$340,000	1-2543 Spring Rd (Scrubhub Carwash)

WEEKLY INSPECTIONS

Type	Number	# of Sites
All	165	81

NEW BUSINESSES

Name	Location	Home/Commercial	Description
BLISSFULL HEALTHCARE LLC	1245 CREEKSIDE PL SE	H	HEALTH SERVICES
GLOBAL AV SOLUTIONS	1751 FAIR OAK WAY SE	H	COMMUNICATION
HICKMAN RESIDENTIAL LLC	1525 SPRING ST SE	H	MANAGEMENT/ ADMINISTRATION
K AND J HOLDING GROUP, INC	3306 S COBB DR, STE B	C	COMMUNICATION
MANGO & BOA	1124 BERKLEY DR SE	H	RETAIL TRADE – OTHER
REFLECTION OF YOU LLC	1640 ROSWELL ST	C	STORAGE FACILITY

Weekly Rental Report

<i>Feb 20- Feb 26, 2020</i>		Resident	Non Resident	City Function	Allied Groups (Pro Bono)	Programmed Activity	Independent Contractor
Community Center							
	Magnolia	2	1	1			
	Dogwood	2	2	1	1		
	Jonquil	1	2	1			
	Sunflower		2			1	
	Azelea		2				
	Tulip	1	4				
	Daisy					3	
	Lily		1				
	Orchid	1	3		1		
	Large Gym	1	1			2	
	Small Gym					2	
Wedding Gazebo							
Brawner Hall							
	Banquet Hall	3	1		1		
	Studio A	1	1				
	Studio B	2	2				
	Conference	1	2				
Taylor Brawner House							
Reed House							
Aunt Fanny's Cabin							
Tolleson Day Room							
Pavilions							
	Brinkley (2)						
	Chuck Camp						
	Church Street						
	Cobb (2)						
	Jonquil						
	Lake Court						
	Riverline (2)						
	Rose Garden (2)						
	Taylor Brawner (3)						
	Tolleson (2)						
	Whitfield						
Sports Fields							
	Brinkley						
	Chuck Camp						
	Jonquil						
	Riverline						
	Tolleson		1			2	
	Cobb						
	Ward						
Totals		15	25	4		10	